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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION - ACTIVITY OF PRC AMBASSADOR IN SUPPORT

1. LAST WEEKEND I MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOME NORTHERN CITIES IN ICELAND. WHEN I CALLED ON MAYOR OF AKUREYRI (POPULATION 12,000) HE TOLD ME PRC AMBASSADOR HAD PRECEDED ME BY A FEW HOURS AND SPENT 45 MINUTES TELLING HIM ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RETAINING THE U.S.- MANNED NATO NAVAL BASE IN ICELAND AND THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING NATO. PRC AMBASSADOR WARNED ABOUT TREACHERY OF SOVIETS, ETC. THE MAYOR SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE COULD DETERMINE, THIS WAS THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PRC AMBASSADOR'S CALL.

2. WHILE AT ANOTHER CITY I WAS TOLD THAT PRC AMBASSADOR HAD VISITED THERE FEW MONTHS EARLIER AND WHEN TAKEN ON A TOUR OF SOME OF THE LAVA FIELDS

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REMARKED AREA WOULD BE GOOD FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE.

3. I SEE PRC AMBASSADOR OFTEN AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS
IN REYKJAVIK. HE EXUDES FRIENDSHIP TOWARD ME AND
MAKES IT PRETTY CLEAR TO ME AND ICELANDIC
GOVT OFFICIALS THAT PRC SUPPORTS IDF RETENTION.
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